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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJ: RADIO ISRAEL REPORTING

1. RADIO ISRAEL SATURDAY ENGLISH NEWS REPORTED
AMERICAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED " SURPRISE" OVER ISRAELI
STATEMENT THAT EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS WERE UNSATISFACTORY.
LATER HEBREW NEWSCAST SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER IN TALKS
WITH NEWSMEN " EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS" OVER GOI
SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS THAT " THE IDEAS WHICH SECRETARY
BROUGHT FROM EGYPT DO NOT SATIFY ISRAEL." RADIO
ADDED: " KISSINGER TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THIS DOES NOT REFLECT
THE REALITY AS HE SAW IT IN TALKS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS.
A SIMILAR OPINION WAS EXPRESSED BY US OFFICIALS IN
KISSINGER'S PARTY."

2. HEBREW RADIO CARRIED LENGTHY DISCUSSION BETWEEN
ISRAELI PROFESSORS SHLOMO AVNERI AND MORDECHAI ABIRI
WHICH IN PART FOCUSED ON DIFFERING VIEWS EMANATING
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FROM CAIRO AND JERUSALEM OF STATUS OF TALKS.

3. ABIRI INTERPRETED OPTIMISTIC REPORTS FROM EGYPT AS STEMMING FROM CAIRO'S INABILITY TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH ANYTHING " CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIVE" IN RETURN FOR ISRAELI TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS...THE " BEST WAY (FOR EGYPT) TO NEUTRALIZE ISRAEL IS TO SPREAD THE OPTIMISTIC SPIRIT...IF ISRAEL DOES NOT FOLLOW THE TIDE, THE ISRELIS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE FAILING THE TALKS."

4. AVERNI, CONCURRING IN GENERAL WITH ABIRI, WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAEL IN RECENT DAYS HAS MANAGED " TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, TO THROW THE BALL BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL LINE..." INTO THE REALM OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT.

5. ABIRI, SAYING HE FELT THE ISRAELIS ARE " CONFUSED," SAID THE EGYPTIANS, " WITH THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE AMERICANS," ARE SEEKING TO FORCE ISRAEL TO SURRENDER TERRITORY WITHOUT ANY CONCESSIONS...I SEE A SMOKESCREEN BUILT JOINTLY BY THE EGYPTIANS AND AMERICANS TOGETHER TO PLACE US IN A POSITION THAT WE WOULD GET INTO A SITUATION THAT THEY DESIRE--CONCEDE WITHOUT GIVING A THING."

6. AVNERI ARGUED THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT WANT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS AN INTEREST IN RETURNING TO WASHINGTON WITH ONE. PICKING UP THIS LAST POINT, ABIRI MAINTAINED THAT KISSINGER WANTS AN AGREEMENT "FOR THE SAKE OF US POLICY AND FOR THE SAKE OF KISSINGER HIMSELF ...HE IS A SHARP POLITICAN...I DON'T KNOW IF THE ISRAELI TEAM CAN STAND THIS (KISSINGER) PRESSURE COOKER."

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